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U.S. Mushroom Sales 2006-07

Sales of the 2006-07 U.S. mushroom crop are 827 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2005-06 season and 3 percent below two years ago. Value of sales for the 2006-07 U.S. mushroom crop is \$956 million, up 7 percent from the previous season and 5 percent above the 2004-05 season. The number of growers, at 279, is down 27 from last season. The average price is \$1.16 per pound, up 11 cents from 2005-06.

Sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market are 697 million pounds, down 1 percent from last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing are 117 million pounds, 9 percent below last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled 915 million dollars, up 8 percent from the previous season and 6 percent above 2004-05.

Agaricus mushroom sales totaled 814 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2005-06 season and 3 percent below 2004-05. Pennsylvania accounted for 61 percent of the total volume of sales and second ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$915 million, up 8 percent from the 2005-06 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 99.2 million pounds, down 30 percent from last season and 1 percent lower than the 2004-05 crop year. Brown mushrooms accounted for 12 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold. The brown mushroom crop value of sales for the 2006-07 season is \$140 million, 15 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The number of Agaricus growers in the U.S. totaled 117, 6 fewer than last season and 1 less than two seasons ago. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 63 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 514 million pounds. The number of growers by sales categories are as follows:

Over 20.0 million pounds, 9 growers; 10.0 million to 19.9 million pounds, 16 growers; 5.0 million to 9.9 million pounds, 21 growers; 2.5 million to 4.9 million pounds, 27 growers; 1.0 million to 2.4 million pounds, 24 growers; 0.5 million to 1.0 million pounds, 3 growers;

less than 0.5 million pounds of sales, 17 growers.

The growing area is 28.2 million square feet, down 1 percent from the previous season and 3 percent below 2004-05. Total fillings are 143 million square feet, up 1 percent from last season and slightly above 2004-05. Yields averaged 5.68 pounds per square foot, down 3 percent from last season. Producers received an average return of \$6.39 per square foot, up 44 cents from last season and 36 cents above the 2004-05 season. U.S. fresh market production at 697 million pounds is down 1 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 117 million pounds, is 9 percent below the previous season. Growers reported U.S. fresh market production at 86 percent of total sales volume with processed production making up the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2007-08 crop are virtually unchanged from the 2006-07 crop.

The 62 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 348 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms valued at \$309 million. The growing area in Chester County was 11.9 million square feet. Total fillings were 59.3 million square feet.

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2006-07 is \$40.4 million, virtually unchanged from the 2005-06 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.16, is up 14 cents from the previous season.

Sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 6.70 million pounds for the 2006-07 season, down 13 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$3.36, is up 11 cents from 2005-06. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 4.75 million pounds, is up 4 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.41, is up 26 cents from the previous season. Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, are 1.37 million pounds, up 15 percent from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$4.75, is down 10 cents from 2005-06.

Growers sold 36.2 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2006-07 growing season, 11 percent above 2005-06. Out of the 36.2 million pounds, 8.57 million pounds, or 24 percent of the total were sold as certified organic mushrooms, while the rest were sold without the certified organic label. This compares with 8.78 million pounds, or 27 percent sold as certified organic during the 2005-06 crop

year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 78 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. These certified organic sales represent 1 percent of the 2006-07 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 38, up 5 from the previous season. These growers represent 14 percent of the 279 total mushroom producers.

U.S. and Montana July 2007 Red Meat Production

Montana slaughter plants produced 1.4 million pounds, dressed weight, of red meat during July 2007, up 38 percent from July 2006, and up 8 percent from June 2007. Cattle slaughter totaled 1,600 head, up 600 head from one year ago. The average live weight decreased 49 pounds to 1,186 pounds.

There were 1,300 hogs slaughtered in Montana during July, unchanged from a year ago. The average live weight, at 239 pounds, increased 1 pound from last year. July sheep slaughter totaled 200 head, unchanged from July 2006. The average live weight increased 6 pounds to 128 pounds.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in July, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006.

Beef production, at 2.26 billion pounds, was 2 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.90 million head, up 2 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 4 pounds from the previous year, at 1,269 pounds.

Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, 5 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 62,600 head, up 8 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was down 36 pounds from last year, at 289 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.40 million head, up 7 percent from July 2006. The average live weight was up 1 pound from the previous year, at 264 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006. Sheep slaughter totaled 204,700 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 131 pounds, up 1 pound from July a year ago.

January to July 2007 commercial red meat production was 27.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

All Cattle and Calves and Beef Cows Inventories by Counties, January 1, 2005-2007

County and District	All Cattle and Calves				Beef Cows and Heifers That Have Calved			
	2005	2006	2007	Rank	2005	2006	2007	Rank
Deer Lodge	8,900	8,000	7,500	53	6,500	5,900	5,600	53
Flathead	11,900	12,600	9,400	51	6,600	7,000	5,900	51
Granite	21,300	21,600	21,600	41	15,800	16,300	15,500	41
Lake	44,000	48,000	45,100	23	30,100	32,700	29,000	17
Lincoln	2,900	2,700	2,700	55	1,800	1,800	1,600	55
Mineral	700	600	800	56	400	400	400	56
Missoula	8,700	8,300	8,600	52	6,600	6,100	5,900	51
Powell	41,000	41,000	44,100	24	29,600	28,900	28,400	18
Ravalli	34,000	32,000	30,400	36	18,700	18,200	17,700	38
Sanders	17,600	16,200	17,800	45	12,900	11,700	12,000	43
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	191,000	191,000	188,000	--	129,000	129,000	122,000	--
Blaine	67,000	71,000	69,400	9	46,000	45,000	43,200	9
Chouteau	34,000	33,000	40,000	29	23,700	20,700	22,000	31
Glacier	43,000	42,000	41,700	27	32,800	29,600	24,600	27
Hill	21,000	25,000	27,900	39	16,200	18,000	18,800	33
Liberty	12,400	12,900	13,500	50	8,800	9,000	8,300	50
Phillips	69,000	68,000	80,000	7	47,000	46,000	45,400	5
Pondera	23,300	28,000	31,300	35	16,600	17,600	17,200	39
Teton	45,000	48,000	53,400	17	25,200	24,100	25,600	23
Toole	13,300	16,100	16,800	46	9,700	11,000	10,900	45
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	328,000	344,000	374,000	--	226,000	221,000	216,000	--
Daniels	14,600	15,800	15,700	47	11,900	12,100	10,800	46
Dawson	39,000	39,000	42,200	26	26,200	27,000	25,900	22
Garfield	61,000	69,000	54,600	16	37,000	45,000	40,900	10
McCone	28,000	27,500	32,800	33	20,300	20,700	18,800	33
Richland	56,000	56,000	61,200	12	26,900	27,900	26,100	21
Roosevelt	31,300	31,700	36,100	32	23,500	21,000	20,700	32
Sheridan	24,100	24,000	28,500	38	17,200	15,300	18,400	35
Valley	86,000	86,000	78,900	8	51,000	51,000	48,400	4
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	340,000	349,000	350,000	--	214,000	220,000	210,000	--
Broadwater	16,600	17,300	15,600	49	11,400	12,100	10,700	47
Cascade	70,000	69,000	81,100	6	45,000	46,000	45,100	7
Fergus	94,000	104,000	101,900	3	67,000	68,000	66,100	2
Golden Valley	13,200	13,800	15,700	47	8,900	8,700	9,300	49
Judith Basin	58,000	62,000	59,500	14	32,500	31,800	29,600	16
Lewis & Clark	40,000	41,000	39,400	30	26,200	22,500	23,100	30
Meagher	47,000	47,000	48,500	20	27,900	26,000	25,300	25
Musselshell	37,100	39,000	43,100	25	23,000	23,200	24,600	27
Petroleum	18,000	18,000	21,000	42	12,700	12,700	13,000	42
Wheatland	26,100	27,900	30,200	37	17,400	19,000	18,200	36
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	420,000	439,000	456,000	--	272,000	270,000	265,000	--
Beaverhead	138,000	135,000	129,000	1	79,000	81,000	78,000	1
Gallatin	57,000	62,000	51,900	18	22,700	25,900	24,800	26
Jefferson	22,300	22,900	23,200	40	15,100	15,500	15,600	40
Madison	73,000	76,000	68,800	10	45,000	46,000	43,900	8
Silver Bow	5,700	6,100	5,100	54	4,200	4,600	3,700	54
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	296,000	302,000	278,000	--	166,000	173,000	166,000	--
Big Horn	90,000	83,000	85,400	4	56,000	52,000	50,900	3
Carbon	57,000	54,000	47,400	21	26,600	24,100	27,300	20
Park	42,000	42,000	40,400	28	26,700	27,500	27,500	19
Stillwater	44,000	49,000	47,400	21	24,200	23,500	23,700	29
Sweetgrass	36,000	40,000	36,600	31	25,300	28,800	25,400	24
Treasure	23,000	23,000	19,800	44	10,200	10,100	10,300	48
Yellowstone	120,000	116,000	109,000	2	34,000	33,000	29,900	15
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	412,000	407,000	386,000	--	203,000	199,000	195,000	--
Carter	53,000	56,000	57,600	15	36,000	37,000	35,300	12
Custer	74,000	67,000	65,600	11	39,000	34,000	30,300	14
Fallon	42,000	51,000	50,000	19	28,000	33,000	32,300	13
Powder River	58,000	56,000	60,900	13	40,000	36,000	35,600	11
Prairie	36,000	35,000	31,600	34	21,000	21,000	18,100	37
Rosebud	81,000	84,000	82,300	5	46,000	46,000	45,200	6
Wibaux	19,000	19,000	20,000	43	12,000	12,000	11,200	44
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	363,000	368,000	368,000	--	222,000	219,000	208,000	--
MONTANA	2,350,000	2,400,000	2,400,000	--	1,432,000	1,431,000	1,382,000	--

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All Hay Acreage, Yield, and Production by Counties and Districts, 2006

County and District	ALL				IRRIGATED			NON-IRRIGATED		
	Harvested	Yield	Production		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Rank	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
Deer Lodge	9,500	2.27	21,600	50	9,500	2.27	21,600	--	--	--
Flathead	23,000	2.46	56,500	29	8,500	3.54	30,100	14,500	1.82	26,400
Granite	20,500	2.35	48,200	34	20,000	2.38	47,700	500	1.00	500
Lake	27,500	2.65	73,000	24	21,000	3.11	65,400	6,500	1.17	7,600
Lincoln	6,000	2.32	13,900	55	3,500	2.89	10,100	2,500	1.52	3,800
Mineral	2,000	1.40	2,800	56	500	1.40	700	1,500	1.40	2,100
Missoula	13,500	2.31	31,200	45	10,000	2.65	26,500	3,500	1.34	4,700
Powell	37,000	2.45	90,700	16	35,500	2.51	89,100	1,500	1.07	1,600
Ravalli	27,000	2.97	80,300	19	26,000	3.04	79,100	1,000	1.20	1,200
Sanders	17,000	1.93	32,800	43	8,500	2.49	21,200	8,500	1.36	11,600
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHWEST	183,000	2.46	451,000	--	143,000	2.74	391,500	40,000	1.49	59,500
Blaine	57,000	1.81	103,300	15	34,000	2.43	82,700	23,000	0.90	20,600
Chouteau	35,000	1.54	53,800	32	8,000	3.04	24,300	27,000	1.09	29,500
Glacier	32,000	1.92	61,300	28	11,500	2.94	33,800	20,500	1.34	27,500
Hill	15,000	1.09	16,300	53	3,000	2.67	8,000	12,000	0.69	8,300
Liberty	12,500	1.69	21,100	51	5,000	2.66	13,300	7,500	1.04	7,800
Phillips	50,000	1.57	78,500	21	27,500	2.20	60,400	22,500	0.80	18,100
Pondera	30,000	2.35	70,400	25	17,000	3.16	53,800	13,000	1.28	16,600
Teton	58,000	2.42	140,300	8	39,500	3.00	118,400	18,500	1.18	21,900
Toole	21,500	1.65	35,500	39	4,500	3.84	17,300	17,000	1.07	18,200
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTH CENTRAL	311,000	1.87	580,500	--	150,000	2.75	412,000	161,000	1.05	168,500
Daniels	17,000	0.92	15,600	54	1,000	2.40	2,400	16,000	0.83	13,200
Dawson	30,000	1.33	39,900	36	3,000	4.17	12,500	27,000	1.01	27,400
Garfield	28,000	0.95	26,500	47	1,500	2.33	3,500	26,500	0.87	23,000
McCone	26,000	1.24	32,300	44	3,000	3.50	10,500	23,000	0.95	21,800
Richland	43,000	1.71	73,600	23	7,000	4.37	30,600	36,000	1.19	43,000
Roosevelt	47,000	1.17	55,200	30	6,000	3.28	19,700	41,000	0.87	35,500
Sheridan	31,000	1.12	34,700	42	4,500	3.09	13,900	26,500	0.78	20,800
Valley	63,000	2.26	142,200	7	40,000	3.20	127,900	23,000	0.62	14,300
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NORTHEAST	285,000	1.47	420,000	--	66,000	3.35	221,000	219,000	0.91	199,000
Broadwater	34,000	3.59	122,000	12	32,500	3.71	120,500	1,500	1.00	1,500
Cascade	92,000	1.72	158,400	6	19,000	3.45	65,500	73,000	1.27	92,900
Fergus	171,000	1.40	239,300	3	22,500	2.71	60,900	148,500	1.20	178,400
Golden Valley	21,000	1.14	23,900	48	5,500	2.58	14,200	15,500	0.63	9,700
Judith Basin	79,000	1.53	121,100	13	8,500	2.80	23,800	70,500	1.38	97,300
Lewis & Clark	42,000	2.77	116,300	14	33,500	3.12	104,500	8,500	1.39	11,800
Meagher	56,000	2.28	127,600	10	49,000	2.46	120,300	7,000	1.04	7,300
Musselshell	26,500	1.46	38,600	37	8,500	2.96	25,200	18,000	0.74	13,400
Petroleum	21,500	1.62	34,900	41	9,000	2.72	24,500	12,500	0.83	10,400
Wheatland	28,000	1.76	49,400	33	16,000	2.38	38,100	12,000	0.94	11,300
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
CENTRAL	571,000	1.81	1,031,500	--	204,000	2.93	597,500	367,000	1.18	434,000
Beaverhead	102,000	2.45	249,500	2	101,000	2.46	248,500	1,000	1.00	1,000
Gallatin	75,000	3.67	275,200	1	60,000	4.14	248,300	15,000	1.79	26,900
Jefferson	20,500	2.65	54,400	31	17,500	2.93	51,300	3,000	1.03	3,100
Madison	64,000	2.96	189,700	4	61,500	3.01	185,200	2,500	1.80	4,500
Silver Bow	7,500	2.69	20,200	52	7,000	2.81	19,700	500	1.00	500
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHWEST	269,000	2.93	789,000	--	247,000	3.05	753,000	22,000	1.64	36,000
Big Horn	50,000	1.52	76,100	22	16,000	3.38	54,100	34,000	0.65	22,000
Carbon	35,000	2.48	86,800	18	29,500	2.85	84,000	5,500	0.51	2,800
Park	64,000	2.09	133,600	9	50,000	2.39	119,500	14,000	1.01	14,100
Stillwater	33,000	1.07	35,200	40	7,500	2.51	18,800	25,500	0.64	16,400
Sweetgrass	37,000	1.88	69,400	26	26,000	2.27	59,000	11,000	0.95	10,400
Treasure	11,000	2.09	23,000	49	4,000	4.50	18,000	7,000	0.71	5,000
Yellowstone	37,000	2.35	86,900	17	17,000	4.15	70,600	20,000	0.82	16,300
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTH CENTRAL	267,000	1.91	511,000	--	150,000	2.83	424,000	117,000	0.74	87,000
Carter	62,000	0.99	61,500	27	2,500	2.20	5,500	59,500	0.94	56,000
Custer	66,000	1.87	123,300	11	20,500	4.09	83,900	45,500	0.87	39,400
Fallon	50,000	0.81	40,400	35	1,000	2.80	2,800	49,000	0.77	37,600
Powder River	65,000	1.23	79,800	20	8,500	2.61	22,200	56,500	1.02	57,600
Prairie	26,000	1.41	36,700	38	4,500	3.98	17,900	21,500	0.87	18,800
Rosebud	72,000	2.28	164,200	5	34,000	3.81	129,700	38,000	0.91	34,500
Wibaux	33,000	0.94	31,100	46	--	--	--	33,000	0.94	31,100
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
SOUTHEAST	374,000	1.44	537,000	--	71,000	3.69	262,000	303,000	0.91	275,000
MONTANA	2,260,000	1.91	4,320,000	--	1,031,000	2.97	3,061,000	1,229,000	1.02	1,259,000

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U.S. July Milk Production

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 14.5 billion pounds, up 3.9 percent from July 2006. June revised production at 14.2 billion pounds, was up 1.2 percent from June 2006. The June revision represented an increase of 6.0 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,743 pounds for July, 55 pounds above July 2006. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 50,000 head more than July 2006, and 14,000 head more than June 2007.

July farm Labor

There were 1,205,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 8-14, 2007, up 1 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 847,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 358,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.04 per hour during the July 2007 reference week, up 32 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$9.31 per hour, up 38 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.80 per hour compared with \$9.49 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.44 per hour, was up 37 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.6 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The largest increases in the number of hired farm workers from last year occurred in the Lake (Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin), Southern Plains (Oklahoma and Texas), Appalachian II (Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia), and Northeast I (New England and New York) regions. In the Lake region, continued strong demand from the dairy industry in Minnesota and Wisconsin and increased fruit harvest in Michigan led to a greater need for hired workers. In the Southern Plains region, wet conditions due to flooding in Oklahoma were more than offset by drier conditions over most of Texas, resulting in an overall increased demand for hired workers. Strong demand from the equine industry in Kentucky caused a greater need for livestock workers in the Appalachian II region. Also, drier conditions compared with last year's reference week in Kentucky and West

Virginia led to a higher demand for field workers. In the Northeast I region, hot, dry conditions in New York offset the effects of wet weather in parts of New England, causing a slightly greater demand for hired workers. Drought conditions were slowly working their way into the region, necessitating more irrigation of fruit and vegetable crops in New York.

The largest decreases in the number of hired farm workers from a year ago were in the Northeast II (Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), Southeast (Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina), Mountain I (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), Mountain II (Colorado, Nevada, and Utah), and Delta (Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi) regions. In the Northeast II and Southeast regions, extreme drought conditions severely curtailed crop growth. Therefore, the demand for hired workers was down considerably in both regions. Winter wheat harvest in the Mountain I and II regions was behind last year's pace, reducing the need for hired workers. In the Delta region, wet weather in Louisiana and Mississippi delayed field activities and led to a decreased demand for hired workers. Drier conditions in Arkansas were not enough to offset the wetness in the other two States.

Hired farm worker wage rates were generally above a year ago in most regions. The largest increases occurred in the Northeast II, Mountain III (Arizona and New Mexico), California, Delta, and Mountain II regions. In the Northeast II region, the higher wages were due to a lower proportion of part time workers. The higher wages in the Mountain III, Delta and Mountain II regions were due to a greater percentage of salaried workers putting in fewer hours, which pushed the average hourly wage higher. In California, there has been continued concern about potential labor shortages due to increased border security. Therefore, farm operators paid workers more in order to compete with the higher paying construction industry.

U.S. Cattle on Feed

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.3 million head on August 1, 2007. The inventory was 5 percent below August 1, 2006 but 2 percent above August 1, 2005.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.62 million, 17 percent below 2006 and 3 percent below 2005. Net placements were

1.56 million. This is the lowest placements for the month of July since the series began in 1996. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 360,000, 600-699 pounds were 312,000, 700-799 pounds were 445,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 505,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 2.0 million, 3 percent above 2006 and 4 percent above 2005. Other disappearance totaled 61,000 during July, 5 percent above 2006 but unchanged from 2005.

July U.S. Egg Production

U.S. egg production totaled 7.57 billion during July 2007, down 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.44 billion table eggs, and 1.14 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.07 billion were broiler-type and 66 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during July 2007 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. July egg production per 100 layers was 2,234 eggs, down slightly from July 2006.

All layers in the U.S. on August 1, 2007 totaled 340 million, down slightly from last year. The 340 million layers consisted of 281 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 56.2 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.72 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on August 1, 2007, averaged 72.1 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from August 1, 2006.

U.S.-Canadian Cattle

All cattle and calves in the U. S. and Canada combined totaled 120.7 million head on July 1, 2007, down slightly from a year ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 48.6 million head, was down slightly from a year ago.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of July 1, 2007, totaled 104.8 million head, slightly below the 105.2 million on July 1, 2006 but 1 percent above the 104.2 million two years ago.

All cattle and calves in Canada as of July 1, 2007, totaled 15.9 million head, down 1 percent from the 16.0 million on July 1, 2006, and 6 percent below the 16.9 million two years ago. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 6.1 million, was down 1 percent from the 6.2 million on July 1, 2006, and 6 percent below the 6.5 million from two years ago.

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